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Senator Paul R. Doyle, Co-Chair General Law Committee Representative David A. Baram, Co-Chair General Law Committee

SUBJECT: S.B. No. 923 AN ACT CONCERNING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS AND REQUIRING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

Senator Paul R. Doyle, Representative David A. Baram and members of the General Law Committee;

My name is Kevin DaRos, I am a resident of Stafford, CT. and a Licensed Land Surveyor employed as the Survey Manager at Lenard Engineering in Glastonbury, Ct. I am the Immediate Past President of The Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors (CALS). I am currently serving as the Chairman of the CALS Continuing Education Committee.

Although I have no opinion concerning the Structural Engineers portion of this bill, I am here to speak in opposition to the continuing professional education provisions of S.B. 923 as presented. I do not believe there is sufficient detail in this legislation to establish an effective and successful continuing education policy for Land Surveyors.

A fundamental purpose of CALS has been to offer Continuing Education for Surveyors. Throughout our history, we have been providing educational programs and seminars for members and associates to improve their skills and raise their level of professionalism.

At present, CALS has an established policy for voluntary Continuing Education. Besides the programs which we operate on our own, we also work with neighboring state surveying organizations to share programs which are eligible for Continuing Education Units. We are able to present informative classes on topics of current interest which keep us abreast of technical advances within our industry.

In my opinion, the Continuing Professional education portion S.B. 923 is too vague to establish a program as effective as our current policy.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion. If you have any questions or would like more information concerning this important issue for Professional Land Surveyors, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Kevin L. DaRos